

## ILLINOIS TOWN RELIGIOUS MECCA

Shrine at St. Anne Attracts Hundreds of Pilgrims From Near By

## NINE DAYS OF PRAYER

French From Canada Settled Village on Kankakee in Days of the Pioneers

ST. ANNE, Ill. Aug. 5.—This little village, now host to several hundred Catholics from Illinois, Indiana and adjacent states, who have come here as pilgrims to the shrine of St. Anne, may be called the " Lourdes of America." It has been suggested.

A quiet, pastoral community, its placid religious atmosphere is seldom disturbed by even a ripple of excitement, but once a year it becomes the hope and shelter of the lame, the sick, and the distressed who with faith and prayer here seek consolation from their sorrows. It is said that here as at Lourdes in France many come for healing and depart leaving their crutches. The French city is famous for its grove where the Virgin Mary is believed by Roman Catholics to have revealed herself repeatedly to peasant girl named Marguerite Bouhner in 1858. A statue of the Virgin Mary stands on a rock projecting above the grove. Here gather multitudes of pilgrims from all quarters of the world.

**Season of Devotion.** So here at St. Anne's, on the altar within the church, repose a relic, reputed to be that of St. Anne, and annually for the last 15 years a novena or nine days' prayer is held. The ceremonies include sermons by Dominican missionaries and the days and evenings are taken up with long periods of devotion. On the first day the sacred relic is borne at the head of a procession which winds its way about the streets of the village, a long line of pilgrims following in solemn obedience to the novena. The novena is to the visitors. They take care of them throughout the novena.

Like Lourdes, St. Anne's has its history. Before 1835, the territory all about here, including the city of Kankakee, was a wilderness inhabited by strolling tribes of Indians. Then venturesome French traders from lower Canada came and bartered with the red men, bought land for a mere song, and on their return induced a number of their countrymen to come to the fertile valley of the Kankakee. The earliest of the pioneers settled in Bourbanna Grove, where the first Catholic mission was founded.

In the early fifties, Pere Chiniquy, a priest of Montreal, came to join the colony. He liked the country, returned to Montreal and induced a great number of settlers to come to this land of promise. Father Chiniquy founded the town of St. Anne. Chiniquy later secured from the church, St. Anne was the center of the French colony. Bourbanna, near here, with its 500 inhabitants, is today the typical French settlement. It has two Catholic institutions, St. Viator's college and St. Katherine's convent. Other towns founded at the same time are Monticello, St. George, St. Marie, Manteno, Papineau, L'Archie, and largest of all, Kankakee.

It was to make reparation for this schism of Chiniquy's that the pilgrimage to the shrine was instituted, and it has continued through many years.

## CHEERFULNESS IN THE SICKNESS

Episcopal "Visitation" Ritual Condemned for Gloomy Aspect

EVANSTON, Ill. Aug. 5.—Making a plea for cheerfulness in clerical ministrations of the sick, Dr. George Craig Stewart, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church of this city, says the order for the visitation of the sick, in the denomination's book of common prayer, ought to be banished or "set in a different key." Dr. Stewart is a delegate to the Episcopal general convention at Portland, Ore., in September.

"We recognize the canons of common sense in dealing with the sick," Dr. Stewart said in commenting on the proposed revision of the order. "Who among the clergy uses the present 'order for the visitation of the sick' if he did he would soon find himself persona non grata to the patient and doctor and nurse alike, and properly so. When Phillips walked down the street men said 'the sun is shining. What a fine day!' To read the present order for the visitation of the sick would be to draw the blinds and summon the undertaker. It is 'Hark from the tomb a mournful sound' and we ought to banish it or else set it in a different key. This doesn't mean, we cancel the cross or deny the value, much less the reality of physical suffering, or exclude God from this whole area of his universe. 'To pray 'Sanctify this thy fatherly correction' over some child with infantile paralysis is cruelly unreal; to pray, or else give her grace so to take this visitation that after this painful life ended is a cheerless prayer to offer for a woman undergoing pains after an operation and it is nothing less than cowardice to hit a man when he's down by solemnly exhorting him to take in good part the chastisement of, say a high fever and a splitting headache, because 'Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth my son whom he receiveth.'"

"Then there are those recurring words over which our fathers loved to linger with mournful intonation in luxurious lugubriousness. How dolefully the changes are rung upon them as the off is solemnly tolled. 'Fraud,' 'malice,' 'distemper,' 'correction,' 'visitation,' 'adversity,' 'wrath,' 'decay,' 'dissolution,' 'the grave,'—thus the dirge is sounded in prayers and exhortations until the unhappy sufferer if he were tortured with it would feel (and who could blame him) that the heaviest of the visitation of an angry God was this visitation of the sick."

## Medal Sought for Girl Who Risked Life

TAMPA, Fla.—Application has been made by the Brotherhood class of the Presbyterian church at St. Petersburg, Fla., for a Carnegie hero medal for Miss Mary Buhrer, heroine young girl swimmer, who risked death by drowning, or in attack by an unknown sea monster, believed to have been a barracuda, in a vain effort to save the life of her chum, Miss Dorothy McClatchie, who fled to death from wounds inflicted upon her left leg and thigh by the unseen foe, while the two girls were swimming in the main ship channel about a mile beyond the recreation pier on June 12. They had made the mile swim from the end of the dock to the buoy in a choppy sea and were getting ready to return when Miss McClatchie cried out that a shark had bitten her foot off. An examination showed that the foot was still there, but that her leg had been cut to the bone in two places as if by a razor, severing the main artery. Miss Buhrer began swimming toward the shore towing her companion and tried to attract the attention of a passenger steamer but could not make anyone see their plight. She kept waving her hand, however, and eventually someone from the recreation pier put out in a rowboat.

When the boat reached them Miss Buhrer was exhausted from swimming for 25 minutes and keeping her companion from sinking. Miss McClatchie, although unconscious from the loss of blood, was still living, but died in an automobile while being taken from the dock to a hospital. Miss McClatchie was a Canadian and had intended going to McGill university, Toronto, but changed her mind because her chum, Miss Buhrer, wanted to go to Sullivan, in Virginia.

Miss McClatchie and Miss Buhrer were inseparable friends and



MISS MARY BUHRER

MISS DOROTHY MCCLATCHIE

had planned to be roommates at college. They were both athletes and members of the St. Petersburg swimming club, both had won many prizes. Miss McClatchie, in particular, had many athletic accomplishments, arising from her determination to have a sound physique, in spite of the fact that her mother, sister and brother were invalids.

A few moments after Miss McClatchie was struck by the fish she began to feel the weakness resulting from the great loss of blood. She

never lost her composure, but when she felt herself growing unconscious, merely said: "Kiss me, Mary, I'm gone!" "Oh, no, Don't float, and I'll tow you in!" Had Miss Buhrer been able to attract attention sooner Miss McClatchie's life probably could have been saved, but they were more than a mile from shore when the tragedy occurred, and in the long swim shoreward the wounded girl's blood ebbed away, and death beat them in the race.

pitiful in what was known as Pele's oven.

Although the pit of Kilaua shows no activity, volcano observers say that "she is not dead, only sleeping." They base this prophecy on the fact that the tremors, which brought the underground lava flow, have ceased and that steam no longer is rising through earth crevices along the rift line under which the lava was flowing.

This would indicate that the underground flow has been stopped and that the lava will return to the Kilaua pit, according to L. W. de Vis Norton, secretary of the Hawaiian Volcano Research association.

**A Spirit Houser, Anyway.** A theatrical company on an unsuccessful tour, arrived in a small New Jersey town. That night there was enough hand clapping to rouse the defunct spirits of the actors. The leading man stepped to the footlights after the first act and bowed profoundly. The clapping continued. When he went the behind the scenes he saw an Irish stage hand laughing heartily. "Well, what do you think of that?" asked the actor, throwing out his chest. "What d'ya mane?" "Why, the hand clapping out there." "D'ye call that applause? Why, that's the audience killin' mosquitoes."

On several other occasions Pele has sent her red hot rivers in the direction of Puna and Hilo but they have never reached the two places. The last activity, resulting from an underground flow from Halemau-mau that broke out at Makopuh, 11 miles down the great southeast rift that leads from Kilaua, has changed the appearance of Kilaua, Hawaii's greatest scenic attraction, tremendously, according to persons now at the crater.

It is not possible during favorable wind shifts to approach close to the

## PROSPER UNDER GREEK CONTROL

Only Racial Pride Makes Turk Dissatisfied With Occupation

ADRIANOPLE, Aug. 5.—Adrianople, which has been one of the barriers to peace between the Greeks and the Turks, has become a thriving city under Greek military occupation. The Turkish shopkeepers and traders never were so prosperous. The Greeks have decorated every store with a Greek sign, whether the owner be Greek, Turk or Armenian. The Hellenic army commanders have ordered their men to cultivate

the friendship of the Turkish population, but while the Turks have profited commercially from the presence of the army their strong sense of patriotism and nationalism would rather see the Greeks driven out. For centuries of history and association Adrianople, once their capital, is as dear to them as Constantinople.

Except from a strategic point of view, Adrianople really is of little importance. It is a typical Turkish city, with its narrow streets, open bazaars, ill smells, dirt and indolence. Its houses are of wood, plaster and mud, and give the impression that if they are not soon burned up they will fall down. There is much poverty and misery which American relief workers are trying to ameliorate. American automobiles and motor-trucks, bearing Greek army officers or supplies, rush through the muddy streets. In the midst of the bustle are the tall, loose-limbed shiftless Turks, lounging about the streets, coffee-drinking and day-dreaming. The allies have Greece a mandate

to administer Thrace, of which Adrianople is the capital, for a period of years, but many of the inhabitants, especially the Bulgarians, are hopeful the United States may yet be induced to take an administrative and paternal interest in Thrace.

**Knew the Symptoms.** At a flapper contest in a Wichita theater the other night the judge chose the winner by keeping his finger on his pulse, the Eagle reporter. The flappers crossed the stage one by one and when the judge's pulse fluttered fastest he announced: "That's her."



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## HAVE FAITH IN DEITY'S PROMISE

Immunity From Lava Overflow Wrested From Goddess of Volcano

HILO, ISLAND OF HAWAII, T. H. Aug. 5.—Recent volcanic activity in the ancient pits of Makopuh, Hanau and Napau, which have been "dead" since 1840, drained much of the lava that had made Halemau-mau, the vast inner crater of the Kilaua volcano, so spectacular, and caused much fear that the lava would flow toward the sea and inundate the little villages of Kalapana, Puna and Puna.

The older generations of Hawaiians, however, entertained no such fear, for they remembered an ancient legendary agreement that had been made by Pele, goddess of the volcano, with Kama Puua, the Hawaiian pig god, by which Pele promised that if the lava would never flow through Hilo or Puna to the sea.

Pele and Kama Puua had an ar-

reement and Kama Puua went to Halemau-mau, Pele's home, to fight it out. The god and goddess fought until Pele was overcome, and she pleaded for peace, according to the legend.

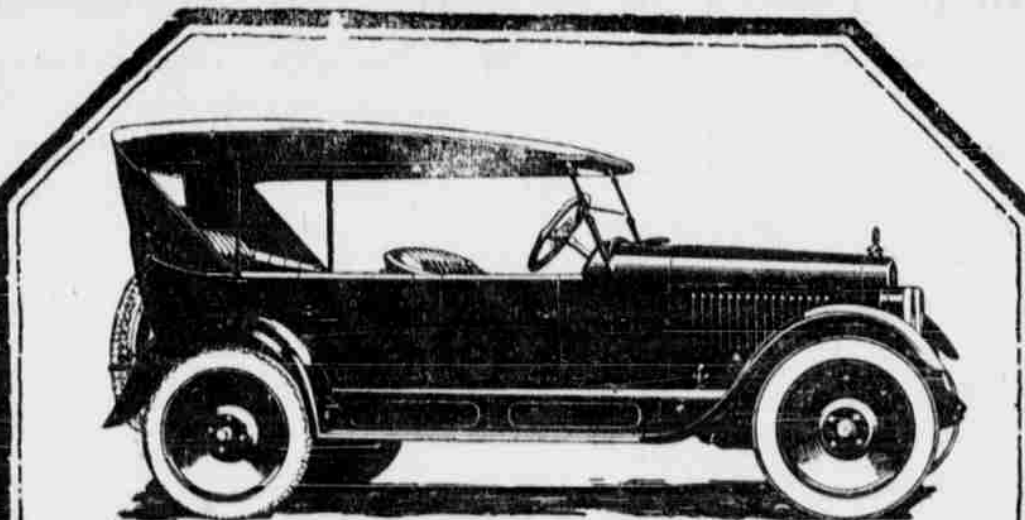
"We shall have peace if you promise never to allow your lava to flow through Puna or Hilo to the sea," Kama Puua said. Pele assented and she has never broken the promise, fearing a return of the hated Kama Puua, the legend said.

In 1880, when a lava flow was proceeding toward Hilo and threatened to destroy the city, the Princess Ruth came from Honolulu here and, standing near the flow, reminded Pele of her promise and her danger from Kama Puua if she broke her agreement. The flow stopped immediately, according to the older Hawaiians.

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